

REMARKS

With the above amendments, claims 1, 4-12, 15, and 16 remain in the application. Claims 2-3 and 13-14 are hereby canceled without prejudice. Claims 17-20 were previously canceled in response to a restriction requirement. Claims 1, 4, 12, 15, and 16 are hereby amended. No new matter is being added.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the last office action, claims 3 and 14-16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant(s) thanks the Examiner for deeming claims 3 and 14-16 allowable.

*Claim 1 and dependents*

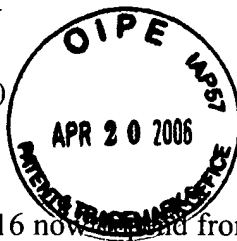
With this amendment, claim 1 has been amended so as to incorporate the limitations of original claims 2 and 3. In other words, all the limitations of allowable original claim 3 and intervening original claim 2 are hereby been incorporated into amended claim 1. As such, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is now in condition for allowance.

Claims 4-11 depend from amended claim 1. Hence, it is respectfully submitted that claims 4-11 are now also in condition for allowance.

*Claim 12 and dependents*

With this amendment, claim 12 has been amended so as to incorporate the limitations of original claims 13 and 14. In other words, all the limitations of allowable original claim 14 and intervening original claim 13 are hereby been incorporated into amended claim 12. As such, it is respectfully submitted that claim 12 is now in condition for allowance.

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Allowable claims 15-16 now ~~are~~ from amended claim 12. Hence, it is respectfully submitted that claims 15-16 are now also in condition for allowance.

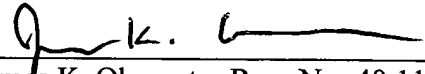
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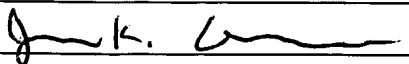
For at least the above reasons, it is believed that claims 1, 4-12, 15, and 16 are now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (408) 436-2111 for any questions.

If for any reason an insufficient fee has been paid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the insufficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-2427.

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